

Class remembers Joe Viereck during graduation

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O’Gorman changed. This is not due to construction, because this school is made of people; not bricks. O’Gorman changed in a way that touched people all

throughout Sioux Falls. Some of us lost a friend, some lost a brother, and some lost a son. Last year, on February 19, Joe Viereck passed away, and O’Gorman changed in so many bittersweet ways.

Joe was the kind of person that made you want to be his friend. He

was confident in everything he did, and that confidence was built upon a level of determination that more than compensated for his short stature. On the football field he was quite frankly frightening in the words of Adam Schroeder.

“Whenever I was blocking for

Joe, I’d be freaking out, because I knew that if I couldn’t open the hole, he would literally run into me as hard as he could to push the ball forward just a few more yards.”

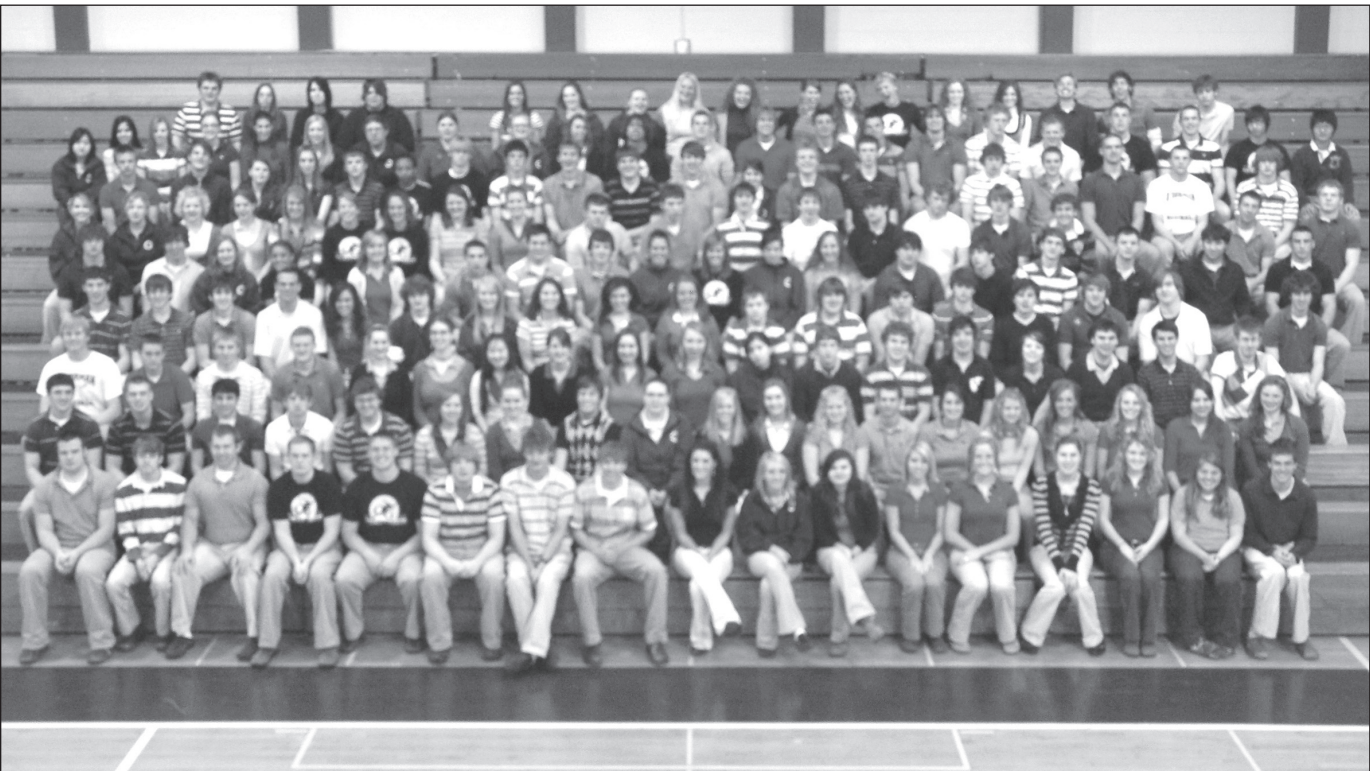
But fearlessness on the football field was not all that Joe had going for him as he proved after his

career was unfairly cut short by a neck injury that nearly left him paralyzed. I was there that day, and I bore witness to a true feat of willpower that Pat Cink was able to give testimony to.

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Class of 2009

Senior class recalls memories, remembers friends, looks forward to future plans



MR. GARY SISK

The O’Gorman graduating class of 2009 will celebrate their commencement ceremony on May 23.

Melissa Rushing  
Assistant Editor

It is true that for all graduating classes commencement signifies a long awaited end to high school, and this is no different for O’Gorman’s senior class as we look back upon four years of accomplishments.

It is also true that most every class thinks they’re the greatest class to ever graduate. The graduating class of 2009, however, deserves to be a little bit full of itself.

As a class we have possibly the most interesting stories to tell since for the better

part of this year the class of 2009 attended classes in two (very) different buildings.

This senior class is also the class to attend classes in a building without air conditioning, and construction has definitely imprinted strong memories in many seniors’ minds.

“I remember strange temperature changes, loud noises and the walls being torn down,” said senior Taryn Gerdes. “I do not want us to be remembered as the class who suffered through construction but [as] the class who led the school through the change.”

And the class did not complain excessively about construction. Life-

changing moments, such as the death of a friend—Joe Viereck—forged a bond of greater unity between class members and allowed them to look beyond the temporary discomforts of construction. These moments—moments when God’s plan is questioned—allowed 176 seniors to relate to each other.

“I think that our class is extremely close. I feel everyone gets along so well,” said senior Laura Hey. “There are so many talented people. I feel that our class is going to do great things.”

As graduation nears, the senior class

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Four O’Gorman students share plans to join U.S. military

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Design Editor

O’Gorman is once again lending to the United States military. There are four different seniors this year who have signed up with Uncle Sam, each partaking in his or her own military venture.

The first of these students, Derek Bakken, has already made active plans.

He goes to Marine Corps Boot Camp this summer.

“[There is] a very strong possibility that I will be in an active combat zones throughout my career,” said Bakken.

As for goals, right now he said he just wants to “make it through boot camp in one piece and go from there.”

Another student is Francesca Fogarty. Even with enlistment complications earlier this year because of a bad knee, Fogarty is “honored to have been selected to attend the United States Air Force Academy.” Unlike Bakken, Fogarty will wait until she is done with college before serving full time.

Two other students, Zach Weber and Nolan Cleary are working through the ROTC (Reserve

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2008 - 2009 Senior Prayer

Father in Heaven,

Thank you for the gift of life in its beauty and its challenges.

Empower us with the gift of your Holy Spirit that we may be your witnesses and have the strength to do your will.

Help us to be the living body of Christ today and everyday of our lives.

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

*St. Joseph, you took care of Jesus and Mary on earth, please look after us from Heaven.*

Amen.

In this salute:

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Michaela vanBrandwijk, Olivia Rauschenbach, Shannon Mastel, Maryclaire Costello and Laura Hey after the Honor Choir concert.

Seniors go on for dancing and acting majors

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# Students take stage as they prepare to major in various arts

Maegen Lipetzky  
Faith Co-Editor

From performing on Broadway to designing shoes, many students in this year’s graduating class intend on pursuing a career in the arts. People that fall under this category include Andy Thuringer, Shannon Mastel, Michaela vanBrandwijk, Joe Schaeffer, John Miller, Brian Muldoon, Matthew Fitzgibbons and Nate Underberg.

For many of these students, the programs at O’Gorman have helped students discover and develop their passions.

“I am really glad I decided to take all four years of drawing and painting and both years of pottery because being in those classes has introduced me to my biggest passion, which is art,” said Underberg.

Underberg is planning on going to school for a Bachelor of Fine Arts at either the Minneapolis College of Art and Design or the University of South Dakota.

Other students discovered

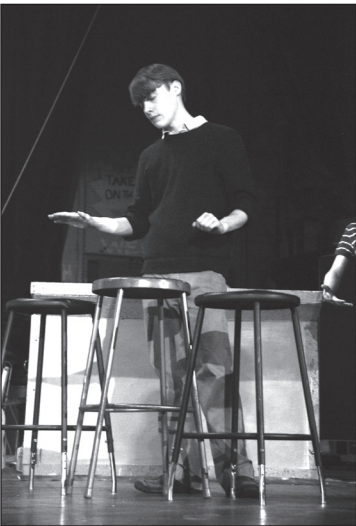
their love for the arts earlier. Shannon Mastel knew she wanted be a performer since the fourth grade.

“My friends and I did a skit in a talent show at school, and I got hooked on the audience’s laughter. Since then, it was just a matter of how I could best pursue that,” said Mastel

Aside from the arts program, the theater department has also inspired students to pursue their love of the arts.

“The theater program has been more of an escape for me during my years at O’G. No matter how my day went, I always knew that I could forget everything on stage and become someone else,” says Muldoon, who plans on attending the University of South Dakota for theater or fine arts.

Next fall, Joe Schaeffer will be attending Boise State for their graphic design program, with an ultimate goal of designing athletic footwear. Matthew Fitzgibbons will be enrolling at the University of South Dakota for the fine arts



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Brian Muldoon performs during the One Act. He plans a possible major in theater.

program. Lastly, John Miller will go to the University of Mankato to study photography with more plans for the future.

“I plan to go to McNally Smith College of music to learn musical engineering and production if I don’t find a stellar band this summer to tour in,” said Miller

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will indeed be renowned for the talents of many individuals. Although this class has had an impressive four students admitted to Notre Dame along with others attending well-known college names such as Georgetown and Georgia Tech, genius in the class of 2009 does not just come solely from academics. Art majors, music majors, dance majors, theater majors and mass communication majors portray well the class’s diversity of talent.

Perhaps the most important skill that class embodies is serving others. Other declared majors are ones such as nursing and education.

Also, the senior class will scatter itself in different corners of Canada and the United States like no class to predate 2009 ever has.

“I think that it is good [that people are going far way] because then they can experience new things and present a positive image of South Dakota to different parts of the country,” said Gerdes.

Even though many of their students will be leaving South Dakota and even the Midwest, teachers still feel a bond with particular students and the class as

a whole.  
“I feel a connection because I started four years ago,” said chemistry teacher Mrs. Julie Benson. “So we’re both kind of seniors except I have to stay a little bit longer.”

The graduation ceremony and Mass will be celebrated May 23 at 7pm at Augustana’s Elmen Center.

The Senior All-Knighter follows graduation at 10:30pm and lasts until the early morning of May 24.

“Our class is really fun and energetic, so I am looking forward to the Senior All-Knighter,” said Gerdes. “It will be the last time we will spend time together as a class.”

### Class of 2009

**Graduation:**  
May 23, 2009

Augustana’s Elmen Center  
7 pm

**Senior All-Knighter:**  
May 23-24, 2009  
OGHS  
10:30 pm

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# Quotes from *The Scroll*

1. “Don’t speak like that. You sound like a fool”
2. “If I have a kid, I’m naming it ‘Ladies and Gentlemen.’”
3. “We should form a V-Team. I’ll be Wild Card.”
4. “Melissa, sorry I knocked you off your chair. Sorry I knocked over your cheeseballs.”
5. “I’m an uplifting, inspiring kind of guy.”
6. “I thought the introduction was funny. Well, I thought it was stupid, and that’s what matters.”
7. “Should we overthrow Tanya and Mr. V?”; “No, Tanya makes good cookies.”
8. “Jesus was an interesting historical figure.”
9. “You don’t realize the goodness of *Twilight*!”
10. “I bet you wouldn’t like *Twilight* quite so much if Jonah Hill was Edward.”

Answers  
1. Mr. Van Engen  
2. Tanya Kapoor  
3. Adam Wilka  
4. Jameson Goetz  
5. Mr. Van Engen  
6. Patrick Linsenmeyer;  
7. Patrick Linsenmeyer;  
Melissa Rushing  
8. Patrick Linsenmeyer  
9. Domenica Gilbert  
10. Mr. Van Engen

# Senior Joe Scholten hopes to don white collar

Domenica Gilbert  
Activity Co-Editor

As the Church continually seeks for men interested in the priesthood, O’Gorman has always yielded potential candidates. This year, Joe Scholten will continue the tradition.

“In short, it’s what God wanted me to do, at least next year,” said Scholten.

Although he knows that going to the seminary is the right decision, Sholten is still unsure of what he will be doing the rest of his life.

“I don’t know if I want to be a priest, but God wants me to go to the seminary next year,” said Scholten. “Something inside of me knows to consider the priesthood.”

Although he did not intend on entering the seminary his entire life, Sholten began to show an inclination to the vocation at a young age.

“One of my friends mom’s told me I would be a priest in third grade,” said Scholten.

However, the option wasn’t fully considered until the summer before sophomore year, when he attended a retreat.

Prayer played an important role in Scholten’s decision. It guided him throughout his calling and his decision-making process.

Keeping his heart and mind open, he was willing to accept the calling to this particular vocation.

“When I prayed, the option kept coming up,” said Scholten.

Along the way, many individuals

inspired Scholten and helped him make his decision towards the priesthood.

Father James Mason and Father Justin Wachs were both excellent examples and helped him make the decision to go on to the seminary next year.

Going on campus visits also helped him make his ultimate decision.

During his visit to the seminary, St. John Vianney College, he realized that it was the right place for him.

“It felt like I just fit in there,” said Scholten. “Some part of me just encouraged me to wonder about it as an option.”

Next year, Scholten will attend St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.



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Joe Scholten aims to join the seminary where he will study Theology to become a priest and follow his vocation.

# Seniors share precious memories of Mrs. Reed from sophomore year

Katie Branick - “The entire book of *Revelations* with Mrs. Reed was the highlight of sophomore year.”

Pat Collins - “She made me take a test with a partner. She wouldn’t let me take it by myself.”

Alex Snyders - “Minus one billion points, Alex”

Jenna King - “Mrs Reed used to think I was smarter than Kari [Nelson]... I’m not for sure why, though.”

Hannah Erickson - “Mrs. Reed, in general; her laugh.”

McKenzie Jones - “‘Hiya! Kick

him in the shins.’”

Kyle Hanisch - “‘One thousand extra credit points!’”

Michael Bruning - “When she asked me for an answer and said it was wrong. She asked John Buchkoski the same question, and he gave the same answer, and it was right.”

Jessica Anderson - “The freshmen homecoming dance when Mrs. Reed walked around all night with a ruler, saying, ‘Make room for the Holy Spirit.’”

Taryn Gerdes - “‘Your brother made a good play at the football game last night. Ten points extra

credit for you!’”

Maria Truex - “When she drew the sheep with the yamaka.”

Jonathan Oliver - “Names with yamakas.”

Melissa Rushing - “When she drew sheep. I think the shepherd had bug-eyes.”

Seth Janushka - “When she made us make a movie about Jericho... and she liked it.”

Rachel Barnett - “When she came to pie day.”

## Military

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Officers’ Training Corps). Weber just finalized his decision last month, and although he never considered himself “the military-type,” he is no less “appreciative of the opportunity the military has presented,” an opportunity that not only includes the military aspects, but also a full ride to the University of Notre Dame.

Clearly on the other hand, said he is simply, “looking forward to meeting new people and making valuable connections.” He also hopes to learn how to shoot a quarter out of the air from a mile away although he admits that is only a secondary goal.

Together the experiences these four students will gain in their time in the armed forces will surely help them as much as they will help the military.



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Francesca Fogarty, a member of Civil Air Patrol, plans to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy.

# Ms. Moser reflects on the senior class before leaving O’G

Ms. Jennifer Moser  
Guest Columnist

It was at Senior Leadership Day last fall that I first caught a glimpse of the good things to come.

A group of approximately 20-30 volunteers from the senior class had gathered to write the senior prayer. I was quite impressed by the cooperation and consideration with which everyone worked together. As we progressed, I felt as if you cared more deeply about its quality and meaningfulness than other classes I had worked with previously.

The result was an eloquent, beautiful senior prayer. I realized at that moment just how much I looked forward to working closely with such phenomenally gifted and enjoyable young men and women.

Since my arrival at O’G when you were sophomores, I have observed and appreciated the many personalities and gifts you bring to your school community, and I have watched you grow and mature.

This change is especially evident when I think of particular people. It was an honor for me to witness Nolan Cleary and Matt Burkard receive their Eagle Scout awards a few months ago and reflect on their growth to become young men of responsibility and character. At the Oral Interp Qualifier, I cried as I watched Maryclaire Costello enact the story of a young mother in a Russian labor camp whose child died.

I also recall the amazing

individuals who were part of the homecoming court; each of you embodies in so many ways what our school is about! I am also blessed with many fond memories. I truly enjoyed the days spent at Holy Spirit parish on the Senior Time Retreats; I will not soon forget playing link tag in the parking lot in the middle of January!

Attending World Youth Day last summer gave me the unique opportunity to spend two weeks traveling with several of you halfway across the world to Australia and South Korea. I still smile to myself when I think of Andy Thuringer and Lauren Wolf freaking out when seventeen of us got stuck in the hotel elevator for 45 minutes.

Most significantly, I will not forget the many conversations about life and God that I have been so privileged to share with many of you.

Believe me, seniors, you have left your mark in the halls of O’Gorman High School and the hearts of teachers and students alike. It is my prayer that what you have received here is more than intellectual information but a tangible experience of God’s love.

I pray that you leave as people of good character rooted in faith. Most of all, I pray for your future, that you may be both happy and holy.

It has been such a joy to share this experience with you.

Many blessings,  
Ms. Moser



Photo Survey

What are you most looking forward to next year?



Tyler Paulin  
“The dorm-life.”



DongYun Shin  
“The easy life.”



Michael Uthe  
“Being warm.”



Ben Tiensvold  
“Not eating cafeteria food.”



Maria Truex  
“Not having to wear a uniform”



Matt Whitesel  
“Ladies.”

Which senior has the best...?

Laugh

1. Tyler Mattson

2. Tyler Jacobsen

2. David Hanna

3. Brent Clark
1. Jenna Booth

2. Whitney Hartzell

3. Kayla Fuller

Smile

1. Tucker Johnson

2. Jason Feit

3. Will Powell
1. Jordan Fiegen

2. Hannah Statz

3. Maryclaire Costello

Work Ethic

1. Zach Weber

2. Matt Whitesel

3. Dan Busch
1. Hannah Statz

2. Tanya Kapoor

3. Francesca Fogarty

Style

1. Joe Schaeffer

2. Patrick Cink

3. Dustin Vognild
1. Bridgid Hurley

2. Sanna Horsley

2. Barbora Hrnciarova

3. Teresa Johnson

3. Becca Lais

Attitude

1. John Buchkoski

2. Nolan Cleary

3. Danny Hughes
1. Cady Sea

2. Laura Hey

3. Kara Busch

Hair

1. Phil Wright

2. David Hanna

3. Joe Schaeffer
1. Margaret Free

2. Kristina Johnson

3. Maryclaire Costello

Seniors most likely to...

Be O’G Principal

1. Zach Weber

2. Hans Tanner

3. Jeff Haeder
1. Francesca Fogarty

2. Hannah Statz

3. Rachael Andersen

Have ten children

1. Phil Wright

2. Thomas Bell

3. Nolan Cleary
1. Francesca Fogarty

2. Maggie Lawler

3. Erica Adams

Live in Sioux Falls forever

1. Mike Isaacson

2. Danny Hughes

2. Adam Kunkel

3. Jordon Boe
1. Sheila Grogan

2. Sanna Horsley

2. Amanda Wagner

3. Kristina Johnson

Win an Oscar

1. Andy Thuringer

2. Tyler Jacobsen

3. Brian Muldoon
1. Shannon Mastel

2. Maryclaire Costello

3. Whitney Hartzell

Win American Idol

1. Austin Nelson

2. Jameson Goetz

3. Andy Thuringer
1. Maryclaire Costello

2. Michaela vanBrandwijk

3. Whitney Hartzell

Save all humankind

1. Sung Young Kim

2. Nolan Cleary

2. Brody Allen

3. Nick Sideras
1. Tanya Kapoor

2. Cady Sea

3. Francesca Fogarty

Become a priest or nun

1. Joe Scholten

2. Cole Heisey

3. Jordan Arnold
1. Sarah Madigan

2. Lauren Wolf

3. Cady Sea

Be Time’s Person of the Year

1. Zach Weber

2. Connor Sea

3. Gabe Oland
1. Tanya Kapoor

2. Hannah Statz

3. Francesca Fogarty

Teach or coach at O’Gorman

1. Mike Isaacson

2. Dan Stuck

3. Michael Fettig
1. Emily Schulte

2. Jenna Stroup

3. Sheila Grogan

Marry high school sweetheart

1. Erin O’Connor / Jordon Boe

2. Maggie Lawler / Matt Griffin

3. Emily Schulte / Will Powell

Host a talk show

1. Tyler Jacobsen

2. Brody Allen

3. Jordan Heisler
1. Rachael Andersen

2. Whitney Hartzell

3. Teresa Johnson

End global warming

1. Joe Klein

2. Sung Young Kim

3. Nick Sideras
1. Tanya Kapoor

2. Francesca Fogarty

3. Kristina Johnson

Disprove global warming’s existence

1. Michael Fettig

2. Pat Linsenmeyer

3. Keith Lipetzky
1. Francesca Fogarty

2. Erin O’Connor

3. Kathryn Nichols

Take over the world

1. Brody Allen

2. Mark Anderson

3. Pat Linsenmeyer
1. Anna Young

2. Melissa Rushing

3. Kara Busch

Be on the cover of Rolling Stone

1. Zach Weber

2. Hans Tanner

3. Jeff Haeder
1. Michaela vanBrandwijk

2. Emily Kolb

3. Whitney Hartzell

Become Governor of South Dakota

1. Nick Sideras

2. Zach Weber

3. Danny Abera
1. Tanya Kapoor

2. Hannah Statz

2. Erin O’Connor

3. Francesca Fogarty



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Liz Loudenslager, Katie Whitney, Maggie Lawler, Margaret Free, Kathryn Nichols, Bridgid Hurley, and Erin O'Connor of “Eclipse” stand together after the Homecoming Variety Show.



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Phil Wright avoids a defender.



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Ashley Larson, Christine Glenn, Andrew VanDemark, Tara Stellingwerf, Carley Lane, Dan Schneider stand together before the 2009 winter formal dance.

Survey results: Which senior is the most...?

Funny

1. Tyler Jacobsen

2. Brody Allen

3. Jordan Heisler
1. Katie Whitney

2. Shannon Mastel

3. Jenna Booth

Athletic

1. Will Powell

2. Jordan Heisler

3. Jim Dougherty
1. Emily Schulte

2. Cady Sea

3. Hannah Statz

4. Kathryn Nichols

Compassionate

1. John Buchkoski

2. Nolan Cleary

3. Zach Weber
1. Cady Sea

2. Laura Hey

3. Becca Lais

Artistic

1. Brian Muldoon

2. Sam Kueter

3. Brody Allen
1. Asia Collett

2. Laura Hey

2. Kirsten Lauer

3. Tara Stellingwerf

Argumentative

1. Keith Lipetzky

2. Peter Meyer

3. Pat Linsenmeyer
1. Rachael Andersen

2. Erin O’Connor

3. Melissa Rushing

3. Francesca Fogarty



# Seniors share memories of O’Gorman, recall lockdown, construction, community

The compiling of the *Senior Salute* surveys revealed an astounding number of seniors will most remember:

1) the lockdown,  
2) close friends, and  
3) construction

from their years at O’Gorman High School. Other fond memories include:

“When Mr. Whiting jumped ten desks to be the hero of O’Gorman and save the kids from the intruder.”  
- Olivia Ford

“When a bird flew through the new hallways and Mrs. Reed told everyone to run away.”  
- John Buchkoski

“My best memory is running down the old G-wing with Becca [Lais] and Jenna [King] and taking pictures before it was torn down. I will miss the choir room and its memories the most.”  
- Karin Nelson

“My best memory is freshman orientation. I will miss going to football and basketball games the most.”  
- Alex Snyders

“My most memorable memory was slipping on ice...*in the hallway.*”  
- Kaitlin Branick

“I’ll miss the way freezing drafts,

leaking ceilings, and broken bathroom stalls somehow seemed homey and comfortable.”  
- Katie Monnin

“The 23-hour bus ride with the O’G band to Texas where we boarded a huge cruise ship to Mexico.”  
- Kayla Fuller

“Dakota Bowl tailgating.”  
- Amanda Kautz

“[I’ll miss] some of the teachers that treat you like their own kids.”  
- Tessa Mailloux

“When I found out I was Spinsters queen on a bus from a show choir competition and all of Ovation bowed to me; I will miss the sense of community.”  
- Jenna King

“When Ryan Anderson got stuck on the fence during freshman football.”  
- Adam Schroeder, Brett Priebe

“When giant steel dinosaurs ate up the old school and the ground shook like an earthquake!”  
- Luke Rogers

“My best memory from O’Gorman is senior year homecoming week - mainly the variety show, the senior girl skit, and the crowning of king and queen.”  
- Taylor Olson



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Gabe Oland, Andrew Deal, Jeff Haeder, and Matt Griffin show teamwork after a soccer game.

## So, what was your most embarrassing moment at O’Gorman High School?

“Freshman year when Ryan Anderson decided to plug in the home video of my birth in front of everyone.” - Erin O’Connor	- Casey Raaen	senior table started the slow clap and yelled ‘freshman’ at me.” - Rachel Roth
“Falling down in the middle of the hallway because a friend tripped me.” - Hannah Erickson	“Delivering the announcements every morning.” - Liz Carrell	“I put mayo on my nachos the first week of freshman year. I was too embarrassed to get a new lunch so I ate it anyway.” - Kisten Lauer
“When I tucked my shirt into my underwear freshman year in A-V study hall.” - Liz Loundenslager	“A classic: accidently dumping my lunch tray on myself in front of the upperclassmen.” - Catie Yokan	“Definitely passing out two of the three days I was in Anatomy.” - Sanna Horsley
“Thinking Mr. Gordon was Mr. Krier for my freshman year and being afraid of him.” - Matt Burkard	“Saying ‘bye’ at the end of talking on the intercom.” - McKenzie Jones	“When I was sleeping in Mr. Cinco’s class and he called on me to answer a question. I woke up and said, ‘is?’. Mr. Cinco shook his head and responded, ‘Go back to sleep, Jordan.’” - Jordan Heisler
“Nineteen game losing streak in Lifetime Activites.”	“Having to start school in a wheelchair due to my broken leg.” - Jenna Stroup	
	“First day of lunch freshman year I dropped the napkin dispenser and it shattered. The	

## Viereck

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“After Joe got hit he was able to stand up, which should have been impossible, and he managed to walk a little bit before falling,” said Cink.

“He was nearly paralyzed and he managed to walk. To me those few steps said so much about the kind of person Joe was,” said Cink.

Joe’s confidence and determination are what attracted people to him, but it was his compassion that made students love him.

It was like he could sense when people needed to know that someone cared, and he had the type of personality that brought out the best qualities in his friends.

“I remember becoming really close to Joe during the summer going into freshman year,” said Jordan Gunderson.

“Joe introduced me to almost all of my close friends and helped me to become more outgoing. We spent the whole summer chasing girls, playing football, and getting into trouble; we were great friends ever since,” said Gunderson.

To some, Joe’s compassion was too great to be fully explained.

“It’s hard for me to choose just one memory of me and Joe but something I will always remember is his love for his friends and family,” said Jason Feit. “He never liked to see the people he cared about be hurt; he would do anything to make you feel better even if he had to embarrass himself in the process.”

Joe was not a saint though; he had a streak of mischief in him that delighted and exasperated his many friends.

Phil Wright recalled with fondness driving his four-wheelers with Joe, despite the fact that Joe had a tendency to roll them.

Mike Fettig also enjoyed Joe’s wild side.

“We ran into the yellow pole in the parking lot and he shattered my windshield with his head,” said Fettig.

Each of these qualities alone is enough to make a person special, and Joe’s mixture of all of them is what made him such an important

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- Jason Feit

person to the people in his life according to Dan Stuck.

“My fondest memory of Joe is made up of many things,” said Stuck. “The kid had a lot of love that he shared with me

and everyone else in his life. I remember when he broke his neck; he needed people to carry his bag for him, which I always did. After he got better, he would always come sneak me out of class to supposedly help him with his bag, but really he just knew how badly I wanted to get out of class.”

Graduation is almost here, and when that day arrives it may be hard not think about the boy with the cocky attitude and the cheesy grin whose death showed us how painful life can be.

However, don’t make the mistake of thinking that Joe is gone because he isn’t. Joe will be in that Mass with us because he is still a part of so many people’s lives.

“Joe was a best friend to many people,” said Will Powell. “He was so honest and loving [that] it was impossible not to be friends with him.”

“The thing that I miss the most is the friendship he gave

me and the loyalty he showed me each and every day. He brought everyone together- people who I didn’t know. I dated girls because Joe said we looked good together,” said Powell

“He is responsible for who I am as a person today. As a kid from Cathedral with not many friends, I didn’t like to take risks,” said Powell. “Joe introduced me to living life to the fullest. Life was never dull when I was with Joe, and he gave me memories that I will remember forever. For that, I am forever grateful for Joe Viereck.”

Originally this article was supposed to be a final goodbye to Joe Viereck, but writing this has helped me realize that goodbye is just the last thing people say before the next time they meet, so I guess the best thing to say is, “Until we meet again, Joe.”





Friends Catie Yokan and Amanda Wagner sit together at Wagner’s house.

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Homecoming Queen and King Cady Sea and John Buchkowki celebrate their coronation. Other top five royalty for girls and boys included Margaret Free, Laura Hey, Maryclaire Costello, Kara Busch, Nolan Cleary, Keith Lipetzky, Zach Weber and Connor Sea.

# Seniors share memories of Mr. Jim “Smitty” Smith

Nathan Kautz “His description of cool- ‘Can’t gain it - you’re just born with it.’”	Katie Monnin “Smitty demonstrating the Pink Panther trumpet move from the Seventies, which involved hip shaking.” Seth Januschka “‘Can you tell me where the band room is?’”	Maria Truex “I don’t have a favorite memory; they were all pretty crazy.”	Tyler Mattson “Everytime he made fun of me.”	Teresa Johnson “Everyday.”
Ben Tiensvold “When he dressed as a little girl and danced during ‘Hey Baby’ at the band concert.”	Catie Yokan “All of his random stories”	Melissa Rushing “On the band trip to Branson, Missouri, a comedian asked for a volunteer from the audience, so the band kids elected Smitty. Smitty had to get up and entertain the audience, and he made a complete fool out of the comedian.”	Dustin Vognild “Once he threatened to eat me”	Jenna Booth “A ‘Smitty dancing on stage, dressed like a woman.”
Katie Branick “‘Everyone likes my ability to always walk away tall.’”	Michael Uthe “‘What’s the difference between a duck?’”	Olivia Rauschenbach “‘To Vermillion or by bus?’”	Rachael Andersen “When ‘Smitty’ gave me a yellow envelope and told me to put it on my head and play on Forty-First Street.	Sanna Horsely “I loved when Smitty wore the color guard makeup from this year’s show.”
Rachel Barnett “When I put make-up on him for Dakota Bowl.”	Michael Brunning “My favorite ‘Smitty’ memory is of our jazz band final concert last spring.”	Tara Stellingwerf “When Smitty played Ride My Pony at a band competition.”	Joe Scholten “Awkwardly conversing with ‘Smitty’ when he came to our lunch table.”	Laura Hey “He would always say ‘hi’ to me in the halls.”
Paul Zerfas “Standing up on stage in Branson and dancing for/with a comedian.”	Derek Bakken “All four years of band”	Anna Young “Jazz band with Smitty”	Mark Anderson “Getting stared at everyday.”	Emily Kolb “When he gave me free popcorn.”
			John Buchkoski “When he would tell band study hall the stories of his youth.”	

# Seniors give favorite quotes from classes, friends, teachers

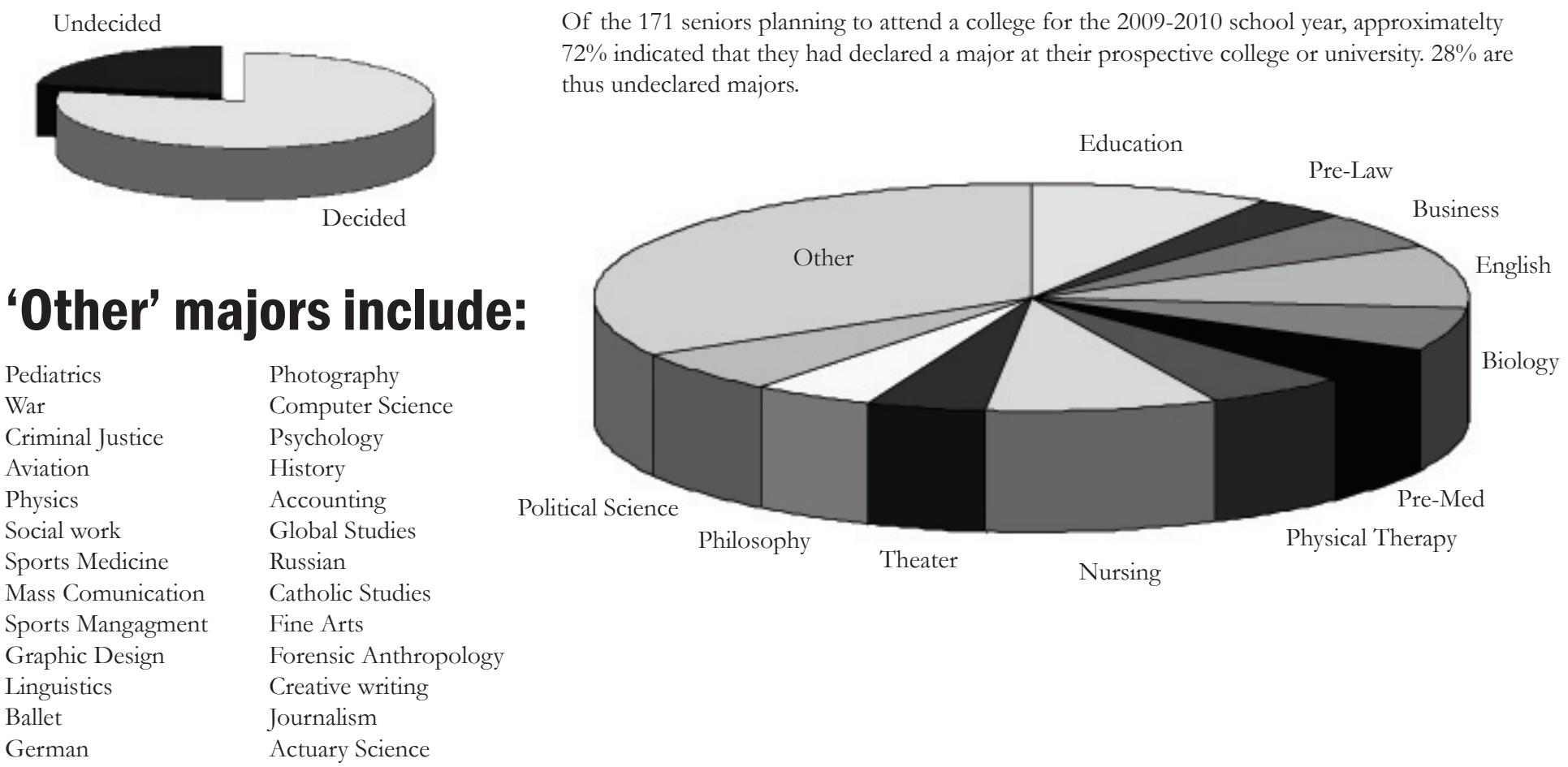
Hannah Statz quoting Zach Weber: “I like doing chemistry by myself after 10 pm, so I can cry a little bit.”	Liz Carrell quoting Mr. Mckinney: “Row one are you on the bus?”	Matt Burkard quoting Ms. Schnell: “Death before country music.”
Trevor Watson quoting David Hanna: “If there are girls there I’m not coming”	Jenna King quoting Mrs. Britton: “You think I’m kidding, but I’m not.”	Anyone quoting Taylor Hilmoe: “Oh my gosh guys, someone invite over some ladies!”
Chris Ridl quoting Ms. Schnell: “Gravity’s still workin”	Amanda Kautz quoting Mrs. Muller: “Kinda crazy right?”	Cole Heisey quoting Michael Bakeburg: “I love to read. It’s true knowledge is power!”
Eddie Sanchez quoting Mr. Krier: “Get out of this room or you’ll be out faster than your legs can take you.”	Ryan Anderson quoting Mr. Gordon: “Happy Friday!”	David Hanna quoting Eddie Sanchez: “Physics, David; it’s called physics.”
Dustin Vognild quoting Taylor Hilmoe quoting Dustin Vognild: “Someone get Dustin over here!”	Nolan Cleary quoting David Hanna: “Ahhhhhhhhhh”	Gabe Oland quoting Peter Meyer: “Hmm, yes, concordingly. This is rather shallow and pedantic.”
Brett Priebe quoting Mr. Kreir: “You all a bunch of sheep.”	Taryn Gerdes: “Don’t worry if you spill acid on your hand, we will put you under the chemistry shower.”	Andrew Deal quoting Mr. Krier: “Tough sport, heh!”



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An enthusiastic crowd of students cheer on the Knights at the 2008 Dakota Bowl.

# A comprehensive look at senior majors

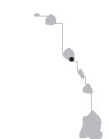




# Where are they going?

**University of Sioux Falls**  
Taylor Olson  
Danny Hughes

**Augustana College**  
Donald East  
Kristina Johnson  
Sidney Frey  
Emily Schulte  
Sheila Grogan  
Adam Kunkel  
Amanda Wagner  
Seth Januschka  
Maria Truex  
Victoria Thompson  
Tessa Mailloux  
Sanna Horsley  
McKenzie Jones  
Hannah Erickson  
Jordon Boe  
Peter Meyer  
Casey Raaen  
Kayla Fuller  
Michael Isaacson  
Joe Schneekloth  
Jeananne Soukup



**University of South Dakota**  
Teresa Johnson  
Nick Rezac  
Cole Heisey  
Pat Linsenmeyer  
Molly Viger  
Kaitlin Branick  
John Buchkoski  
Michael Bruning  
Trevor Watson  
Erica Adams  
Jenna Stroup  
Jason Feit  
Adam Schroeder  
Rachel Roth  
Alex Snyders  
Robbie Hakl  
Brian Muldoon  
Kristyn Gebur  
Tyler Mattson  
Andrew Deal  
Jenna King  
Jordan Heisler  
Olivia Ford  
Jordan Gunderson  
Will Powell  
Eddie Sanchez  
Laura Turgeon  
Emily Kolb  
Dan Busch  
Kyle Hanisch  
Matthew Fitzgibbons  
Michael Pharis  
Daniel Stuck  
James Dougherty  
Jeff Haeder

**South Dakota State University**  
Tyler Paulin  
Jenna Booth  
Austin Nelson  
Rachael Andersen  
Kris Kuyper  
Dan Oswald  
Luke Rogers

Jameson Goetz  
Tyler Jacobsen  
Leah Jaeger  
Liz Carrell  
Kirsten Lauer  
Peter Prostrollo  
Nick Leafstedt  
Katie Whitney  
Kara Busch  
Patrick Collins  
Lauren Wolf  
Ashley Marquardt  
Amanda Hemmer  
Tara Stellingwerf

**Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.)**  
Tanya Kapoor

**University of Mary (Bismarck, N.D.)**  
Taryn Gerdes

**University of Missouri (Columbia, Mo.)**  
Taylor Ronan

**Drake University (Des Moines, Iowa)**  
Sarah Renner

**University of British Columbia (Vancouver, Canada)**  
Adam Wilka

**Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, La.)**  
Melissa Rushing

**Ave Maria University (Naples, Fla.)**  
Sarah Madigan

**University of Minnesota, Rochester**  
Alex Engelbrecht

**University Of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Mich.)**  
Ryan Anderson

**St. Mary's College (South Bend, Ind.)**  
Jordan Fiegen  
Bridgid Hurley

**University of Nebraska, Lincoln**  
Kathryn Nichols  
Jordan Wheeler  
Liz Loudenslager  
Chris Ridl  
Brett Priebe  
Olivia Rauschenbach  
Broderick Allen  
Michael Fettig  
Daniel Schneider

**University of Nebraska, Omaha**  
Amanda Kautz

**College at St. Benedict's (St. Joseph, Minn.)**  
Cady Sea  
Margaret Free  
Laura Hey  
Rebecca Lais  
Kaitlin Stephens

**Creighton University (Omaha, Neb.)**  
Rachel Barnett  
Matt Entringer  
Jonathan Oliver  
Maggie Lawler  
Scott Erickson  
Matt Griffin  
Hannah Statz

**Georgia Politechnical University (Atlanta, Ga.)**  
Sung Young Kim

**Marine Corps. Boot Camp (San Diego, Calif.)**  
Derek Bakken

**St. Olaf College (Northfield, Minn.)**  
Catie Yokan

**St. Thomas University (St. Paul, Minn.)**  
Paul Zerfas  
Katie Monnin  
Nicholas Sideras

**Saint John Vianney Seminary at St. Thomas University (St. Paul, Minn.)**  
Joe Scholten

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Jessica Anderson  
Nate Underberg  
Dan Stefanich  
Danny Abera  
Jeremy Dougherty  
Eric Forsting  
Ashley Larson  
Andrew VanDemark  
Keith Lipetzky

**University of Utah (Salt Lake City, Utah)**  
Thomas Bell

**Beloit College (Beloit, Wis.)**  
Joe Klein

**St. John's (Collegeville, Minn.)**  
Connor Sea

**Bradley University (Peoria, Ill.)**  
Karin Nelson

**University of Minnesota (Mankato, Minn.)**  
Michaela vanBrandwijk

**University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, Minn.)**  
Erin O'Connor

**United States Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, Colo.)**  
Francesca Fogarty

**Indiana University (Bloomington, Ind.)**  
Matt Whitesel

**Purdue University (West Lafayette, Ind.)**  
Mark Anderson

**University of Notre Dame (South Bend, Ind.)**  
Anna Young  
Zach Weber

**Franciscan University (Stuebenville, Ohio)**  
Nolan Cleary

**University of Kansas (Lawrence, Kan.)**  
Nathan Kautz

**St. Cloud University (St. Cloud, Minn.)**  
Matt Burkard  
  
**Northern State University**  
Trevor Hooten

**University of Denver (Denver, Colo.)**  
Maryclaire Costello

**Southeast Technical University (Sioux Falls, S.D.)**  
Jordan Arnold  
Carley Lane

**Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, Texas)**  
Patrick Cink

**Carleton College (Northfield, Minn.)**  
David Hanna

**The College of St. Catherine (St. Paul, Minn.)**  
Jennifer Neidich

**Arizona State University (Phoenix, Ariz.)**  
Gabriel Oland

**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Blacksburg, Va.)**  
DongYun Shin

**Association Free Lutheran Bible School (Plymouth, Minn.)**  
Hans Tanner

**Millikin University (Decatur, Ill.)**  
Andrew Thuringer

**University of Northern Iowa (Cedar Falls, Iowa)**  
Phillip Wright

**Boise State University (Boise City, Ind.)**  
Joseph Schaeffer

**Southwest Minnesota State (Marshall, Minn.)**  
Benjamin Tiensvold

**Hawaii Technical Institute (Honolulu, Hawaii)**  
Michael Uthe

**UMC – Unviersity of Minnesota (Crookston, Minn.)**  
Haleigh Kolb

**Minnesota State University (Mankato, Minn.)**  
John Miller  
Whitney Hartzell  
Brent Clark

**Black Hills State (Spearfish, S.D.)**  
Asia Collett

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Jason Solma  
Shannon Mastel  
Tucker Johnson  
Xochitl Valencia  
Barbora Hrnciarova  
Miro Ivan  
Christine Glenn  
Tanner Venard

